

Vision Group F-Prevention and Public Education
Meeting Minutes for November 30, 2000
EMS Vision Update 2000 Conference: Integrating the Pieces
Breakout Sessions 1&2
Marines' Memorial Club, San Francisco

I. Introduction

Attendees

Session 1: Jan Ogar, Lois Williams, Fred Claridge, Garen Roehl, Barb Alberson, Linda Loughnane, Debra Murphy, Bruce Lee, Dan Spiess, Pat Tillman, Lawson Stuart, Colleen Campbell, Pat Kramm, Ray Mosak, Beth Sise, Marilyn Smith, Tella Williams, Mercia Brandon, Nancy Lapolla, Mike Frenn, Michael Osur, Sean Trask, Michael Barneich.

Session 2: Lois Williams, Jan Ogar, John Brown, Vickie Pinette, Sharon Brockett, Heather Gramp, Michael Osur, Debbie Becker, Debi Moffat, Maureen McNeil, Jack Champlin, Bob Kaufman, Sterling Johnson, Connie Telford, Linda Broyles, Kris Helander-Daugherty.

II. Agenda

- Registry
- Data Sets
- Wellness/Employee Programs
- Education
 - Basic
 - Continuing Education
- Funding Opportunities
- Structure

III. Summary

Registry-EMS Injury Prevention Form

- The goal of the form is to collect data on injury prevention and information sharing.
- The purpose is to encourage different agencies to look at injury prevention.
- Data testing will be done on the form.
- Categories will be added to the form.
- The final product will be put online, to make it interactive.
- Letters and notifications will be distributed to encourage others to participate.

Data Elements

- The current list is very generic. It is not a final list.
- Some data points that may have already been listed weren't added again.
- Templates will be placed on the website.
- The group is looking to get together 5-6 data points to give the data group.

Provider Component-Wellness/Employee Programs

1. Deals with basic things the employers (providers) should do for the employees; i.e., stress management training, employee assistance, training in proper lifting techniques, moving techniques, etc.
 - There is a question as to whether the Prevention Committee should be involved in this or if it should be left to Cal-OSHA.
2. Question of how to encourage employers to make injury prevention a priority in the community.

Education

1. Basic: The group has researched what is included with various curricula, particularly the new Department of Transportation Paramedic curriculum.
2. Continuing Education: Group agrees on moving continuing education forward.

Funding Opportunities

- Question of how to go about attaining additional funding for prevention programs.

Structure

- The draft statement of need for the proposed State Prevention Coordinator position was distributed.
- The group is requesting input from all attendees on this document.

IV. Comments and Suggestions

Registry-Injury Prevention Form

Session 1

- It was suggested that the form should be formatted so that participants can fill it out while their respective projects are ongoing, rather than when the projects are completed.
- Instructions should be placed on the web as well.
- Suggested to move the “status” section of the form from the bottom of page 1, up higher on page 1. Also, to separate “completed” and “in progress” from asking if a project is “ongoing” or “annual”, etc.
- It was suggested that the form be expanded by asking the participants to provide information on the financial impacts of their projects. Such information as how much it took, saved, etc.
- There was a comment that the cost of the program isn’t as important as how much it costs to put on an event.

Session 2

- It was suggested that links be placed on EMSA’s website, to access publications and other research-based sites supporting and providing information on injury prevention and public education.
- There should also be resource links as to what people can do and where they can go to get involved in prevention, etc.
- It was suggested that paramedic training should include classes on

prevention.

- The group should add “training institutions” to the registry form to encourage people to participate.

Data Sets

Session 1

- No suggestions

Session 2

- There was a suggestion to add bicycles and skateboards to the list, as well as other sports and recreation injuries.
- Under burns, tobacco should be added.
- Waterways should be added under the drowning scenario.

Wellness/Employee Programs

Session 1

- Suggested that data should be shared on this.
- There is a question of whether or not there is a need for these types of programs.
- It was suggested that other parts of wellness should be addressed as well; i.e. mental wellness, maintaining the rest of the body through exercise, etc.
- It was suggested to have more of a clearinghouse.
- There were comments that employees may not know that information on this is available.
- It was suggested that a clearinghouse shouldn't be the only mechanism for getting the word out, due to the necessity to personally seek it out.
- More outreach should be used.

Session 2

- No suggestions.

Education

Session 1

- It was suggested that a section (unit) for prevention be created within education. For example, in the two-year and four-year paramedic programs.

Session 2

- It was suggested that perhaps continuing education could be added to orientation.

Funding Opportunities

Session 1

- No suggestions.

Session 2

- Point was made that good prevention doesn't have to cost a lot of money.

Structure

Session 1

-No suggestions.

Session 2

-Suggestion that group look to pharmaceutical companies to possibly fund a position at the EMS Authority.